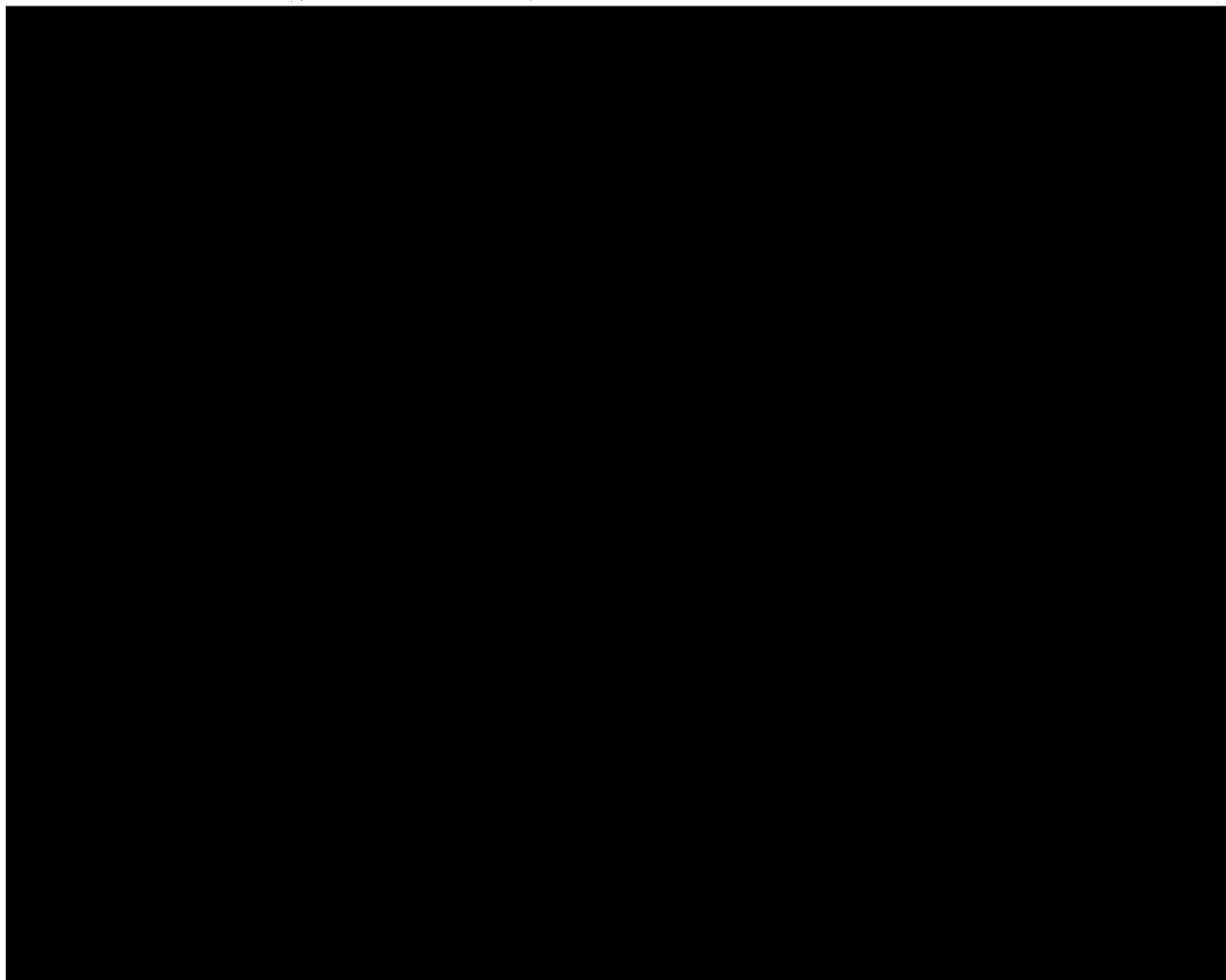


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8. (Unclassified - [REDACTED]) Miss Friedberg, in the office of Senator Albert Gore, called and asked if the Agency had anything "in writing" in response to the recent publicity alleging that the Agency had been penetrated by Communists. I told her that we did not have anything in writing on this and that it was the policy of the Agency not to comment officially on newspaper or other speculation concerning the Agency or its activities. I added on an informal basis, however, that obviously any shred of information of this sort would be carefully and thoroughly investigated. Miss Friedberg said they had received inquiries with respect to the Agency and the State Department and they would probably contact State separately.